



Handling Power

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NOW THAT SAUL IS DEAD, WHAT WILL DAVID DO WITH HIS NEWFOUND POWER?

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When David becomes king:

- He **SEEKS GOD** for guidance.
- He shows a preference for **PEACE**.
- He **HONORS** his opponents.
- He displays **VULNERABILITY**.
- And he exploits **WOMEN**.

NOT EVERYTHING ABOUT DAVID IS GOOD!

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Conclusions?

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WHAT ABOUT "AFTER GOD'S HEART"? • WHAT ABOUT THE WIVES?
DEUTERONOMY 17:14-17 • HOW MANY IS MANY? • [24:1-4] • WHAT DID MICHAL WANT?
_____ QUESTION : WHAT DO YOU DO WITH POWER? _____

Take it Home

DAVID WAS IN ZIKLAG, BUT GOD SAID HEBRON, AND HE WENT • AND GOD GAVE HIM ALL JUDAH!

When you have power, retain **SUBMISSION** to **GOD**.

DAVID NEVER ENDORSED VIOLENCE TO INCREASE HIS POWER / CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT
MOURNED ENEMIES / THE PEOPLE LOVED HIM MORE!!

Don't use power to **INCREASE POWER**.

HE HAD ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE DOING THINGS FOR HIM, BUT HIS ACTIVITY IS LIMITED TO HOLDING FUNERALS
FOR HIS ENEMIES, AND THEN GETTING WOMEN AND GETTING THEM PREGNANT • THAT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS

Don't use power to **EXPLOIT OTHERS**.

WE WILL SEE THIS TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
GODLY PEOPLE LIVE IN SUBMISSION TO GOD, AND USE THEIR POWER TO HONOR AND BLESS OTHERS



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